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Measuring Neutrino Mixing at LHC?

— How to measure neutrino mixing using only
a **hadron collider** and **no water**.



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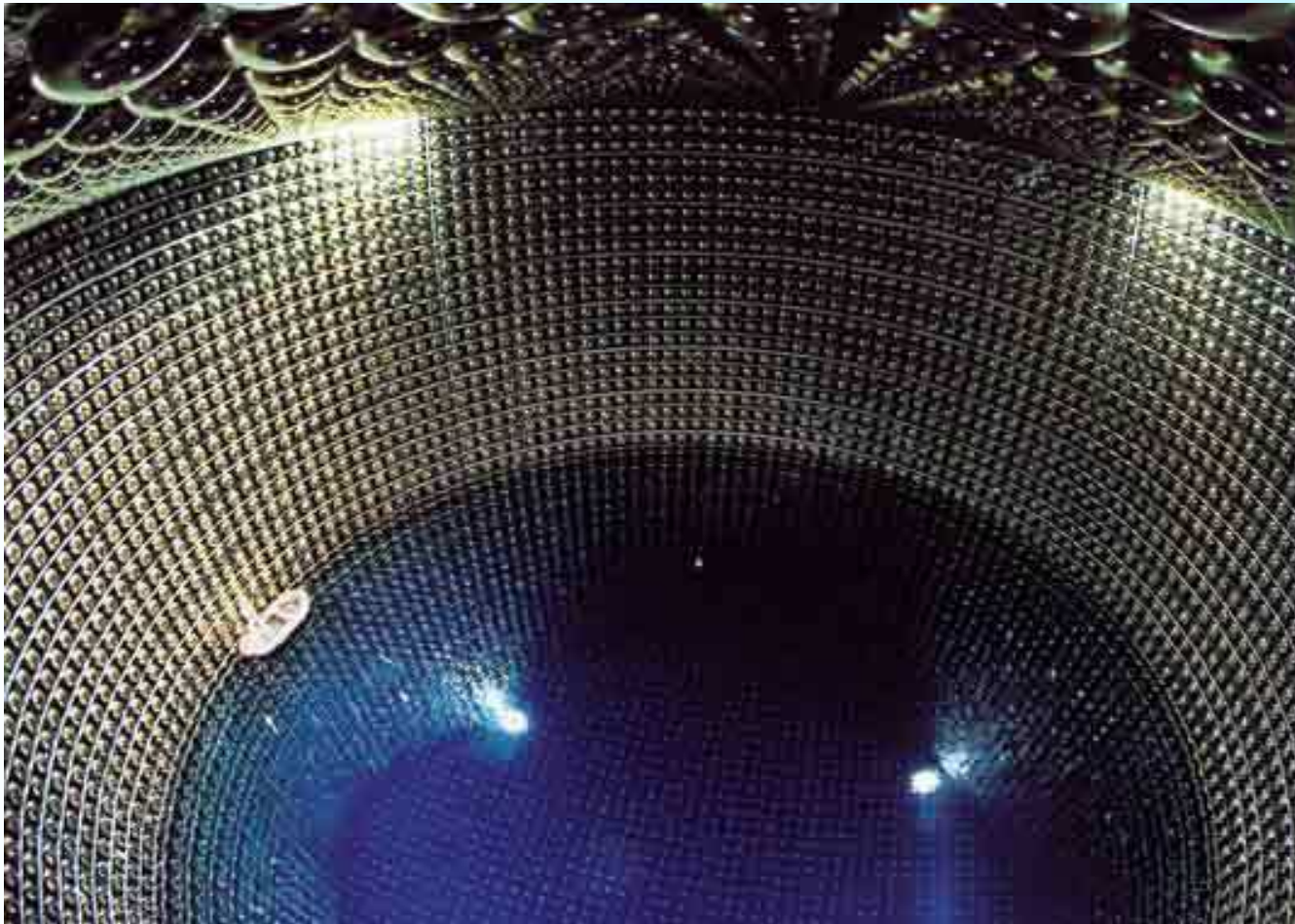
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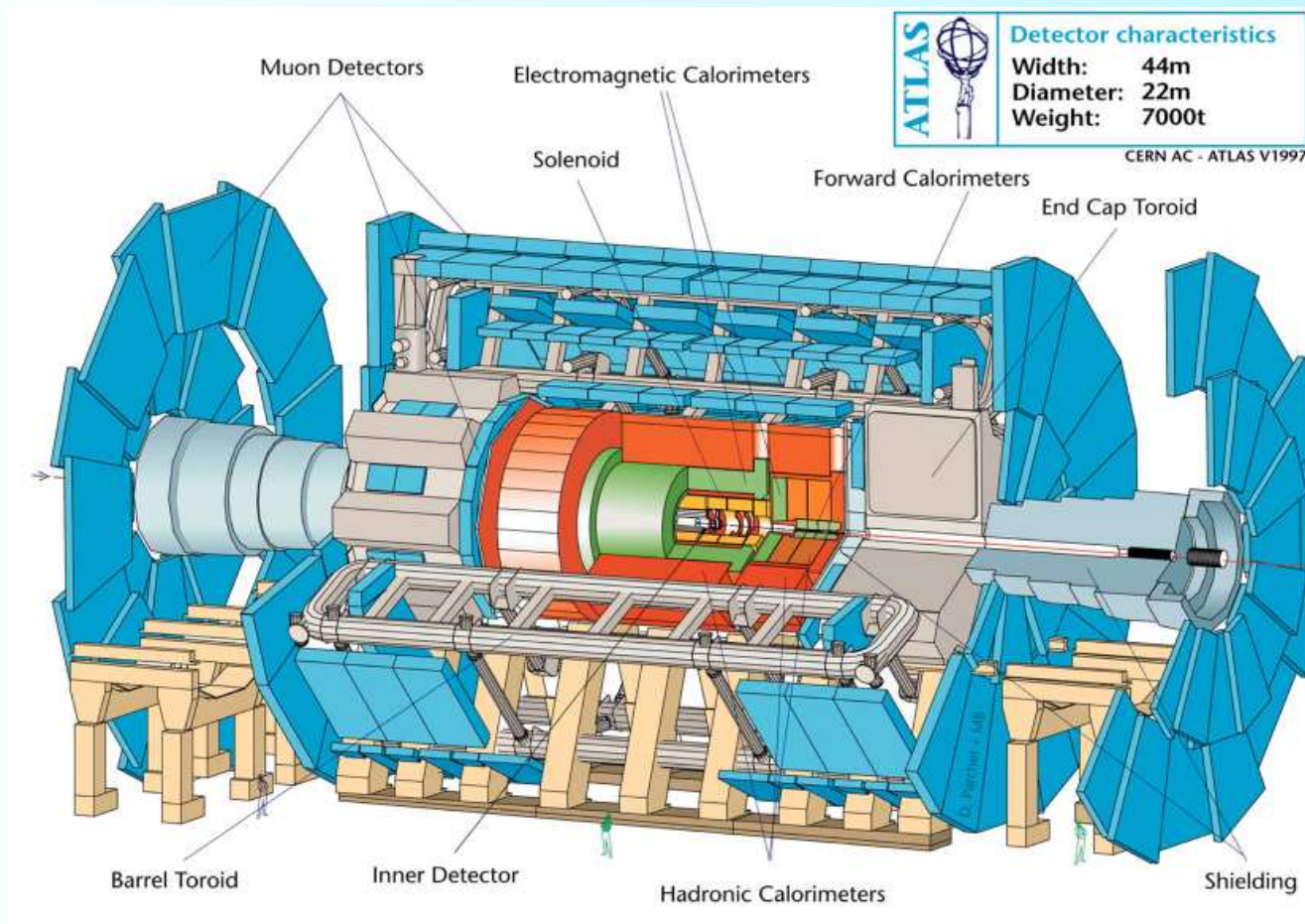
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- This is **not** a detector for neutrino physics.



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Presumably more about this in training course tomorrow!

In fast-forward mode, supersymmetry is:

- The only (interesting) way of extending the known space–time symmetries.
- A fundamental relation between **fermionic** and **bosonic** degrees of freedom.
- The “super” in superstrings.

TeV–Scale SUSY is popular among BSM theories because:

- It provides an elegant solution to **the hierarchy problem**.
- It predicts a natural **dark matter candidate**.
- It paves the way for natural **grand unification**.
- It is something experimentalists can **look for**.

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+ (at least) another Higgs doublet.

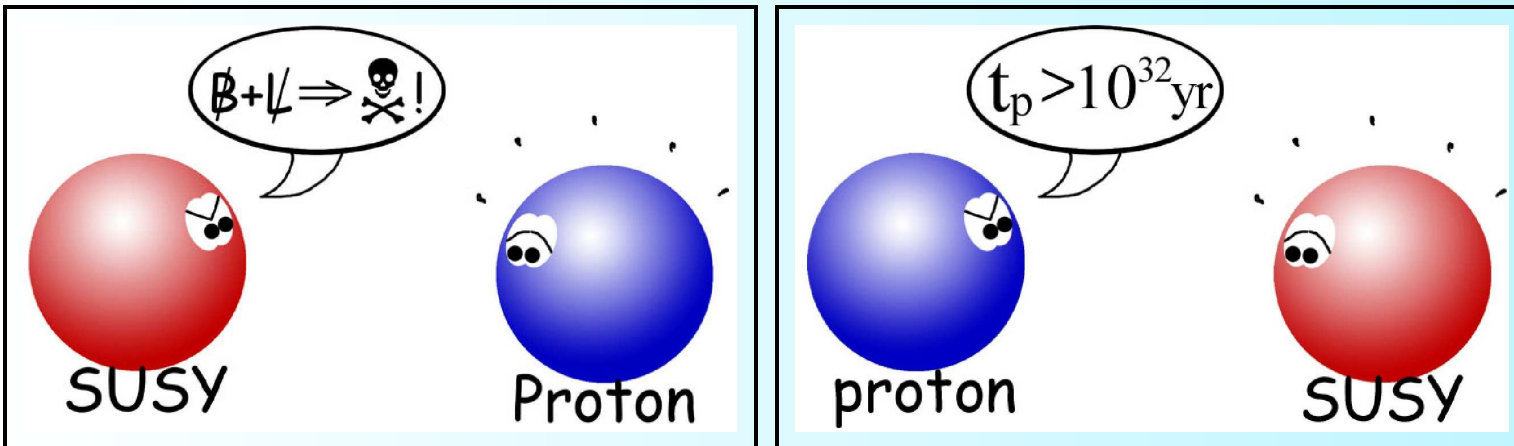
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So SUSY is really popular, but...

in *any* Supersymmetric extension of the Standard Model (SM), the first problem you have to deal with, is how to avoid **rapid proton decay!**



BNV+LNV together is a bad cocktail!

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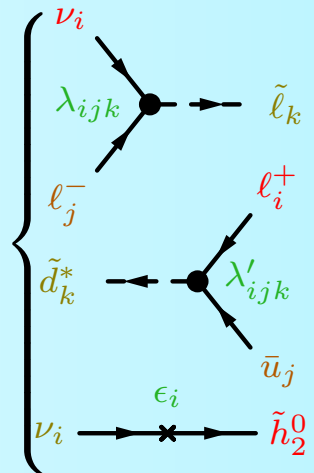
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- $W_{\text{BNV}} = \lambda_{ijk}'' \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k \supset$



- $W_{\text{LNV}} = \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \lambda_{ijk}' L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k + \epsilon_i L_i H_2 \supset$



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- $W_{\text{LNV}} = \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k + \epsilon_i L_i H_2$

- \rightarrow fast proton decay $\propto \frac{|\lambda'| |\lambda''|}{M_{\text{SUSY}}^2} \xrightarrow{M_{\text{SUSY}} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}} |\lambda'| |\lambda''| \lesssim 10^{-30}$.

What can be done?

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- $R\text{-parity}$ has interesting consequences:

SM particles have $R = +1$ and SUSY ones $R = -1$
→ sparticles are born and killed by the pair ...
so sparticles from Big Bang decayed to “LSP” are still around?
→ solution to dark matter problem in cosmology?

- But no deep theoretical motivation...

Simple guesses ain't so bad!

What can we say about the symmetry we're looking for?

- Only **discrete gauge symmetries** are absolutely stable.
- But you can find discretized versions of gauge symmetries which reduce to both **R -parity** as well as symmetries equivalent to **Baryon** and **Lepton** number conservation.
- \Rightarrow Again no clear preference for one or the other.

What about Beyond-the-MSSM contributions?

- R -parity does not forbid $D > 4$ proton decay.
- Anyway, all this was just to make the case...

All possibilities should be considered!

R conservation vs R violation.

$$W_{\text{SUSY}} = W_{\text{MSSM}}(+W_{\text{BNV}} + W_{\text{LNV}})$$

- $W_{\text{MSSM}} = Y_{ij}^E H_1 L_i \bar{E}_j + Y_{ij}^D H_1 Q_i \bar{D}_j + Y_{ij}^U H_2 Q_i \bar{U}_j - \mu H_1 H_2$

Conserves $R \rightarrow$ only allows sparticles to be produced in pairs and does not mediate LSP decay.

- Signature is **missing (transverse) energy** from escaping LSP's.
- At the LHC, **squark and gluino pair production** will dominate over most of parameter space.
- Typically, squarks and gluinos are among the heavier sparticles, hence other typical features are **multiple jets and/or leptons** which are split off in a chain of decays to lighter and lighter sparticles, ending with the (stable) LSP.
- Escaping LSP \rightarrow **tricky mass reconstruction** (use edges).

Trilinear Lepton Number Violation

$$W_{\text{SUSY}} = W_{\text{MSSM}} + W_{\text{LNV}}$$

● $W_{\text{LNV}} = \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k + \epsilon_i L_i H_Z$ **LATER!**

“LLE” (“LQD”) allows single slepton production at a linear collider (hadron collider). “LQD” also allows resonant squark/slepton production at an ep collider.

- Rich phenomenology. With just 2- and 3-body decays of sparticles to particles, more than 1200 new decay channels!

LLE(λ): ● $\tilde{e}_j^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_i \ell_k^-, \nu_k \ell_i^-$

● $\tilde{\nu}_j \rightarrow \ell_i^+ \ell_k^-$

● $\tilde{\chi}_n^0 \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_i \ell_j^+ \ell_k^-, \nu_i \ell_j^- \ell_k^+$

● $\tilde{\chi}_n^+ \rightarrow \ell_i^+ \ell_j^+ \ell_k^-$

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LQD(λ'): ● $\tilde{e}_i^- \rightarrow \bar{u}_j d_k$

● $\tilde{\nu}_i \rightarrow \bar{d}_j d_k$

● $\tilde{u}_j \rightarrow e_i^+ d_k$

● $\tilde{d}_k \rightarrow \nu_i d_j, \bar{\nu}_j d_i, \ell_i^- u_j$

● $\tilde{\chi}_n^0 \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_i \bar{d}_j d_k, \ell^+ \bar{u}_j d_k, + \text{c.c.}$

● $\tilde{\chi}_n^+ \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_i \bar{d}_j u_k, \nu_i \bar{d}_k u_j$

● $\tilde{\chi}_n^+ \rightarrow \ell_i^+ \bar{u}_j u_k, \ell_i^+ \bar{d}_j d_k$

HERWIG: P.Richardson, hep-ph/0101105

PYTHIA: PS, Eur.Phys.J.C23:173(2002)

Trilinear Baryon Number Violation

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• $W_{\text{BNV}} = \lambda''_{ijk} \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k$

“UDD”, violates **Baryon Number**. Allows single (resonant) squark production from qq initial state. Allows **2-body decays of squarks** to quarks and **3-body decays of gauginos** to quarks.

UDD (λ''):

• $\tilde{d}_j \rightarrow \bar{u}_i \bar{d}_k$

• $\tilde{u}_i \rightarrow \bar{d}_j \bar{d}_k$

• $\tilde{\chi}_n^0 \rightarrow u_i d_j d_k, + \text{c.c.}$

• $\tilde{\chi}_n^+ \rightarrow u_i u_j d_k, \bar{d}_i \bar{d}_j \bar{d}_k$

• $\tilde{g} \rightarrow u_i d_j d_k, + \text{c.c.}$

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- NB: Unique colour structures \rightarrow **new colour topologies** not addressed by standard fragmentation schemes. Detailed dynamical modelling so far developed only for string fragmentation (implemented in PYTHIA).

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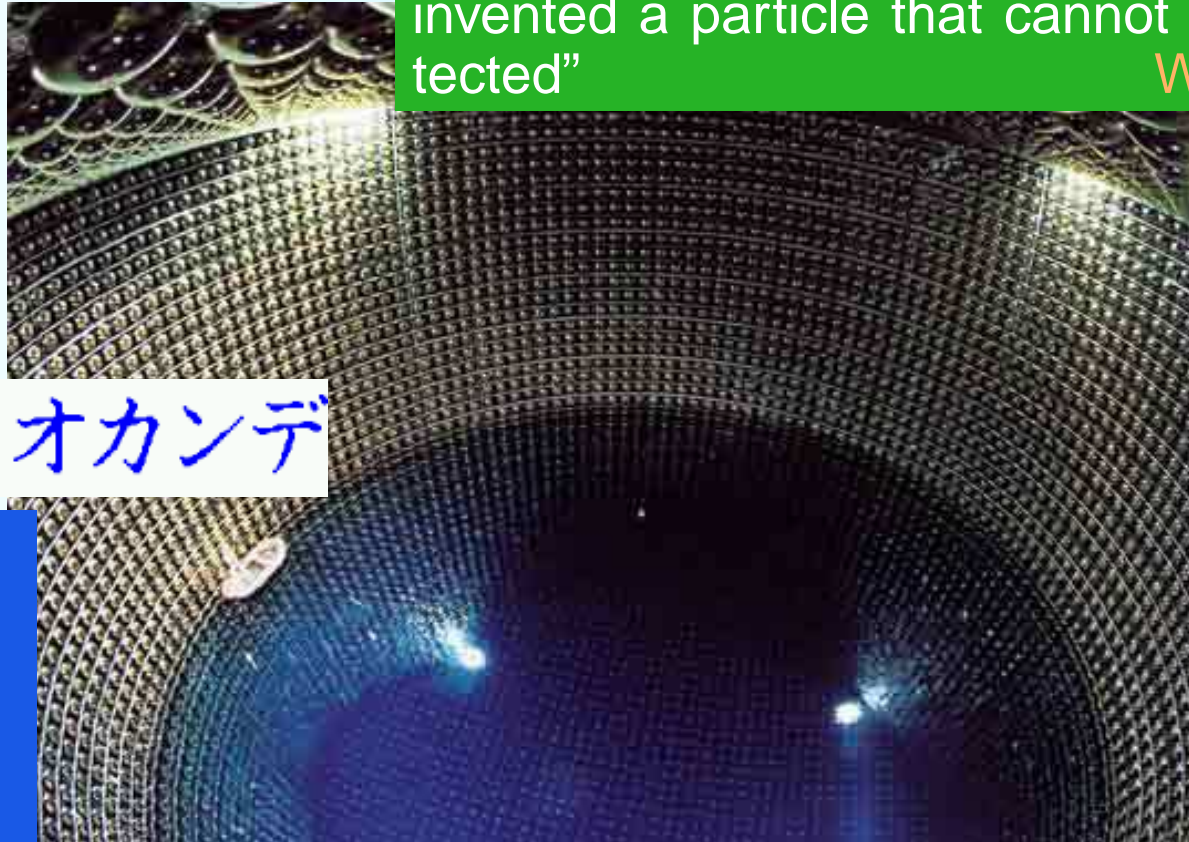
Great surprise:



“I have done a terrible thing, I have invented a particle that cannot be detected”
W. Pauli

スーパーカミオカンデ

Masatoshi
Koshihara
Raymond
Davis Jr.



Nobel prize 2002: Neutrinos have mass!

Neutrino Summary

Neutrino sector: a window to physics beyond SM?

1. Too few ν_μ from **atmosphere**, can be explained by oscillations into ν_τ : $\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 = m_3^2 - m_2^2 \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-2} \text{ eV}^2$
2. Too few ν_e from **Sun**, can be explained by oscillations into ν_μ : $\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 \sim 10^{-5} - 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$
3. Bi-maximal mixing pattern: θ_{23} large, θ_{12} large, and θ_{13} small.

Explanations generally look like this:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m \\ m & M \end{pmatrix}$$

Neutrino Masses

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m \\ m & M \end{pmatrix}$$

m : Dirac mass. Electroweak scale?
 M : Majorana mass. High scale?

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}M^2 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{M^2 + 4m^2} \sim \begin{cases} -m^2/M & = m_{\nu} \\ M + m^2/M & \gtrsim 10^9 \text{ GeV} \end{cases}$$

↪ No fun for high energy colliders...

An alternative possibility could be M of order M_Z , with m thus being rather small...

↪ Testable at high energy colliders...

Bilinear R -violation

$$W_{\text{SUSY}} = W_{\text{MSSM}} + \epsilon_i L_i H_2$$

(Occurs e.g. when R -parity is broken spontaneously)

For us, the important consequences are:

- EW symmetry is broken by Higgs and sneutrino vev's,

$$\langle \nu_i \rangle = v_i \text{ (i.e. } m_W^2 = \frac{1}{4} g^2 (v_d^2 + v_u^2 + v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2)).$$

- Neutrinos mix with neutralinos $\rightarrow 7 \times 7$ mixing:

$$\text{In block form: } M_N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_{(3 \times 4)} \\ m_{(4 \times 3)}^T & M_{(4 \times 4)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Bilinear R -Violation

Determining the masses:

• Find diagonalizing matrix: $N^* M_N N^{-1} = \text{diag}(\textcolor{red}{m}_{\nu_i}, \textcolor{green}{m}_{\tilde{\chi}_j^0})$.

• First transform M_N to block-diagonal:

$$N^* M_N N^{-1} = \tilde{N}^* \begin{pmatrix} \textcolor{red}{m}_{\text{eff}} & 0 \\ 0 & \textcolor{green}{M}_{\tilde{\chi}^0} \end{pmatrix} \tilde{N}^{-1} ; \quad \tilde{N} = \begin{pmatrix} \textcolor{red}{V}_\nu^\dagger & 0 \\ 0 & \textcolor{green}{N}_{\tilde{\chi}^0} \end{pmatrix}$$

• The matrix $\textcolor{red}{m}_{\text{eff}}$ is projective, looks like:

$$\textcolor{red}{m}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{M_1 g^2 + M_2 g'^2}{4 \det(\textcolor{green}{M}_{\tilde{\chi}^0})} \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_e^2 & \Lambda_e \Lambda_\mu & \Lambda_e \Lambda_\tau \\ \Lambda_e \Lambda_\mu & \Lambda_\mu^2 & \Lambda_\mu \Lambda_\tau \\ \Lambda_e \Lambda_\tau & \Lambda_\mu \Lambda_\tau & \Lambda_\tau^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Lambda_i = \textcolor{blue}{\mu} \textcolor{blue}{\nu}_i + \textcolor{blue}{\nu}_d \textcolor{green}{\epsilon}_i$$

Bilinear R -Violation

So only 1 non-zero eigenvalue in m_{eff} !

- $N_{\tilde{\chi}^0}^* M_{\tilde{\chi}^0} N_{\tilde{\chi}^0}^\dagger = \text{diag}(m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0})$

- $V_\nu^T m_{\text{eff}} V_\nu = \text{diag}(0, 0, m_\nu)$; $m_\nu = \text{Tr}(m_{\text{eff}}) \propto \Lambda^i \Lambda_i$

→ 1 neutrino becomes massive at tree level.

(Remaining neutrinos acquire mass at 1 loop).

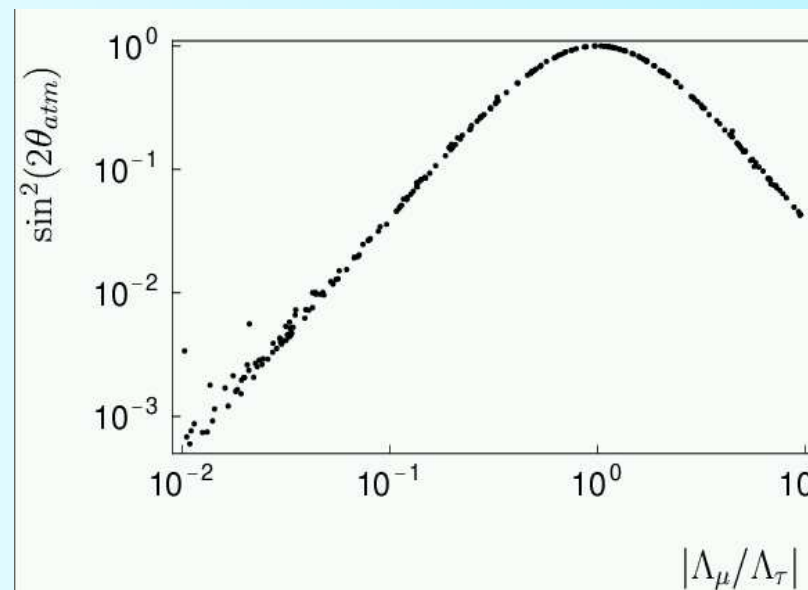
- $V_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & -\sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & \sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & -\sin \theta_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta_{13} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix}$

- NOTE: $\hookrightarrow \tan \theta_{13} = \frac{\Lambda_e}{\sqrt{\Lambda_\mu^2 + \Lambda_\tau^2}}$; $\tan \theta_{23} = -\frac{\Lambda_\mu}{\Lambda_\tau}$.

Bilinear R -Violation

Details depend on the particular SUSY scenario, but the general results are:

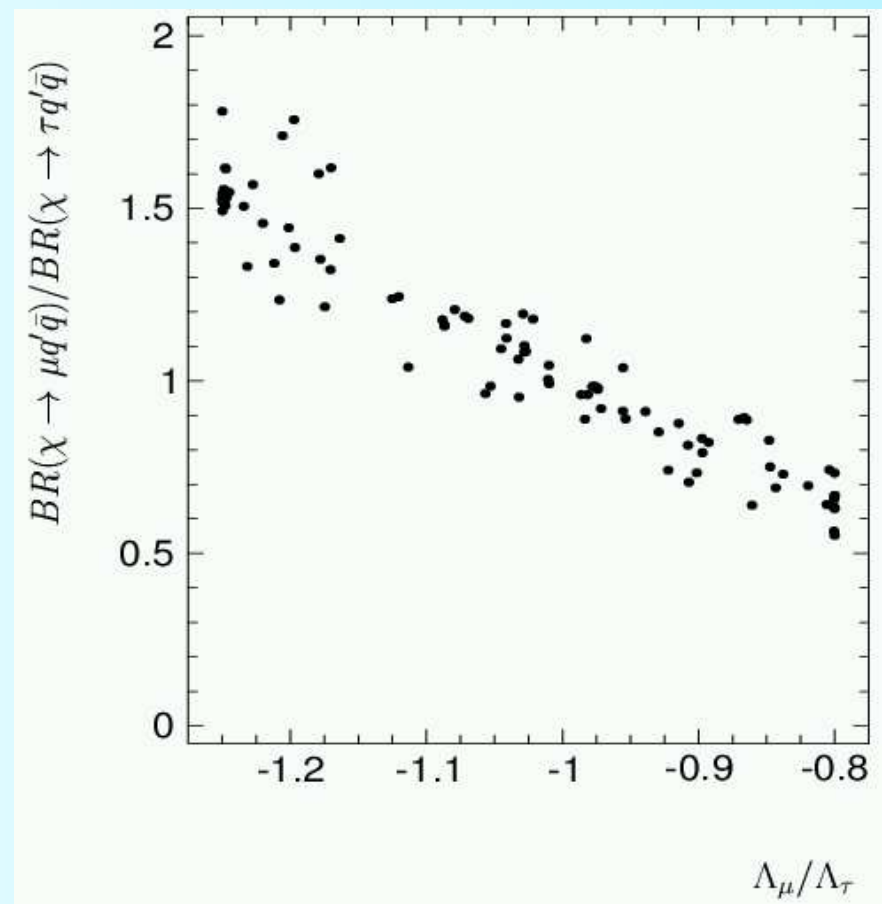
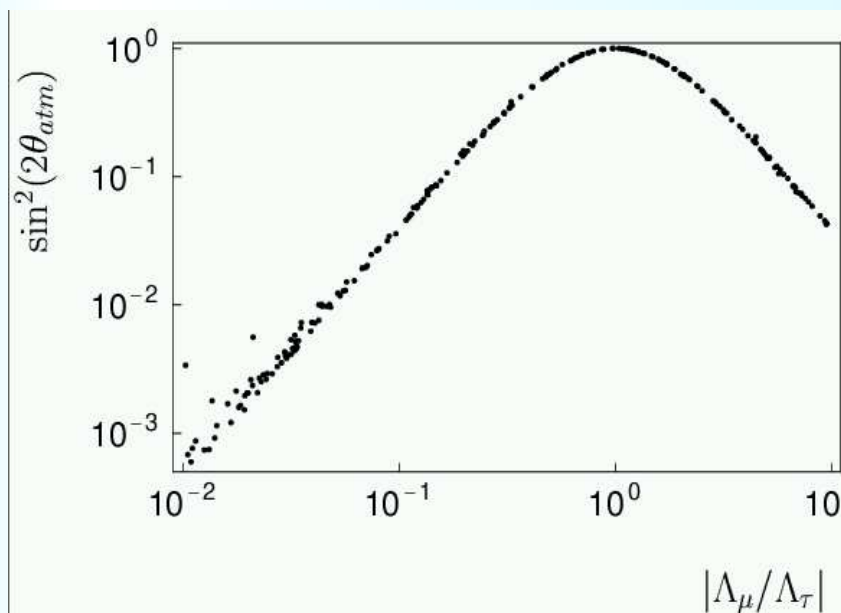
- The **tree-level** mass m_ν generates the **atmospheric mass scale**.
- The **loop-induced** (=small) corrections generate the **Solar mass scale** (\rightarrow **hierarchical** mass pattern).
- With $\Lambda_e \ll \Lambda_\mu \sim \Lambda_\tau$, the bi-maximal mixing can be accommodated.



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Measuring a ν angle...



- BRPV couplings also responsible for **LSP decay**.
- Ratio of $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ semileptonic branching ratios is **strongly correlated** with Λ_i/Λ_j !

Measuring a ν angle...

→ model of SUSY origin of ν mass can be checked by “measuring” θ_{atm} at a hadron collider:

$$\tan^2 \theta_{\text{atm}} \simeq \left| \frac{\Lambda_\mu}{\Lambda_\tau} \right|^2 \simeq \frac{BR(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \mu^\pm W^\mp)}{BR(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tau^\pm W^\mp)}$$

Note: this prediction is independent of the R -conserving MSSM parameters.

To illustrate method, we have investigated a specific example, based on the SPS1a mSUGRA point.

(using SPHENO 2.2 together with PYTHIA 6.3, and SLHA interface to pass parameters)

The R -Violating parameters are (in MeV):

$$\epsilon_i = (43, 100, 10) \quad v_i = (-2.9, -6.7, -0.5)$$

(chosen to fit neutrino data)

Measuring a ν angle...

Total SUSY cross section for SPS1a: $\sigma_{\text{SUSY}} \sim 41\text{pb}$.

Some shortcuts:

- **Detector resolution** and **hadronization** effects are ignored

The “detector”:

- Calorimeter: $|\eta| < 4.9$. Inner detector: $|\eta| < 2.5$.
- Electrons ($|\eta| < 2.5$, $p_{\perp} > 5\text{GeV}$, $\varepsilon = 75\%$)
- Muons ($|\eta| < 2.5$, $p_{\perp} > 6\text{GeV}$, $\varepsilon = 95\%$)
- Taus ($|\eta| < 2.5$, $p_{\perp} > 20\text{GeV}$, $\varepsilon_{3\text{-prong}} = 85\%$)
- Vertex resolution: 20μ transverse and 0.5mm longitudinal.
- “Triggers”: 4j100, 2j100+e20/mu20, j100+2(e20/mu20).

Measuring a ν angle...

Events characterized by:

- Since R -Violating parameters are small, the only real deviation from MSSM phenomenology is **LSP decay**.
- \rightarrow **pair production of squarks/gluinos dominate**, with cascades down to LSP, which subsequently decays through LNV.
- Also due to smallness of LNV parameters, **LSP is long-lived**. Decay length here is $c\tau = 0.5\text{mm}$.
- \rightarrow **very clean signature**: 2 reconstructed detached vertices in fair fraction of signal events (define vertex reconstruction ellipsoid = 5 times resolution and reject tracks that intersect it).

100fb^{-1} of data: ~ 10000 reconstructed $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \mu W \rightarrow \mu q \bar{q}'$ decays.
 ~ 1500 reconstructed $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tau W \rightarrow \tau_{3\text{-prong}} q \bar{q}'$ decays.

\rightarrow precision on $\tan^2 \theta_{\text{atm}}$ is \sim couple of percent

Summary & Conclusion

- R -parity: conserved or violated?
Nobody knows...
- Possible sources of RPV:
UDD, LLE, LQD, and Bilinear.
- Bilinear RPV has interesting consequences:

Sneutrinos play rôle of extra Higgses and acquire vevs.

Neutrinos mix with Neutralinos.

A “low-scale” seesaw mechanism results, whereby neutrinos become massive.

Models consistent with neutrino data give predictions which can be tested at hadron colliders.

So all we can really say is:

- This may not **seem** to be a detector for neutrino physics...

